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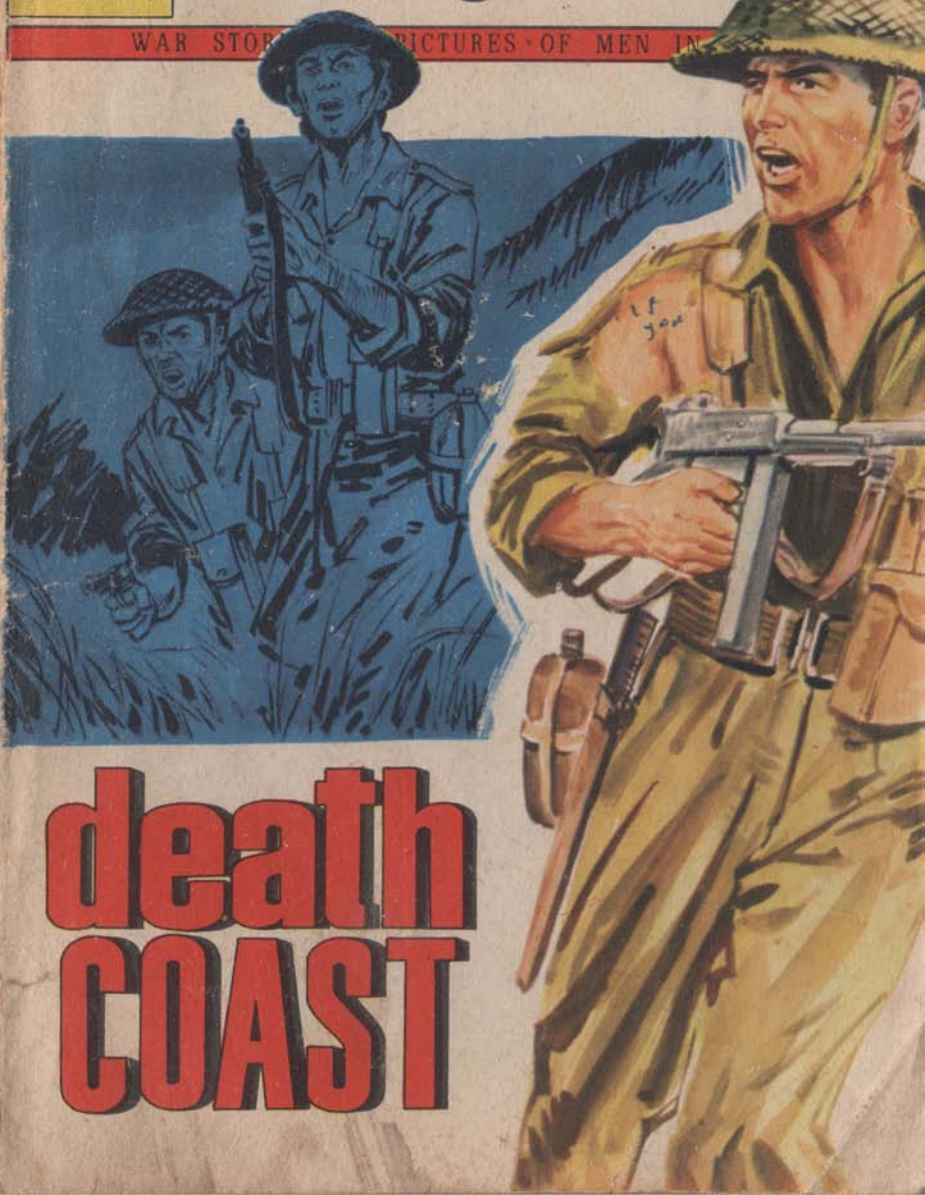
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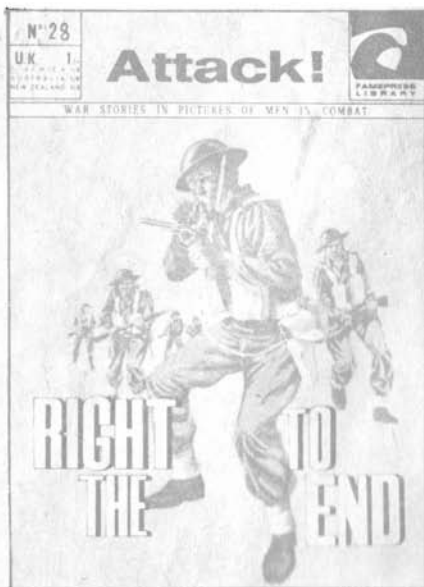
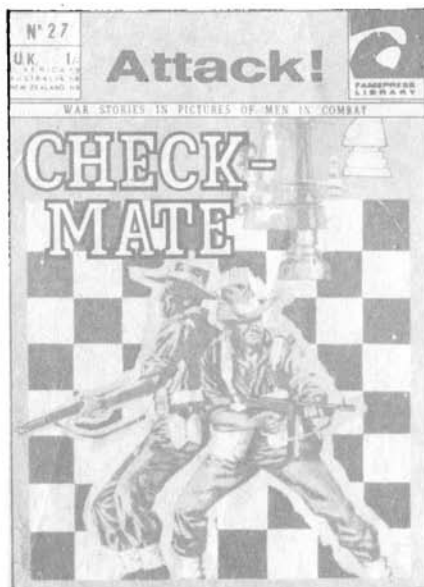
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COAST

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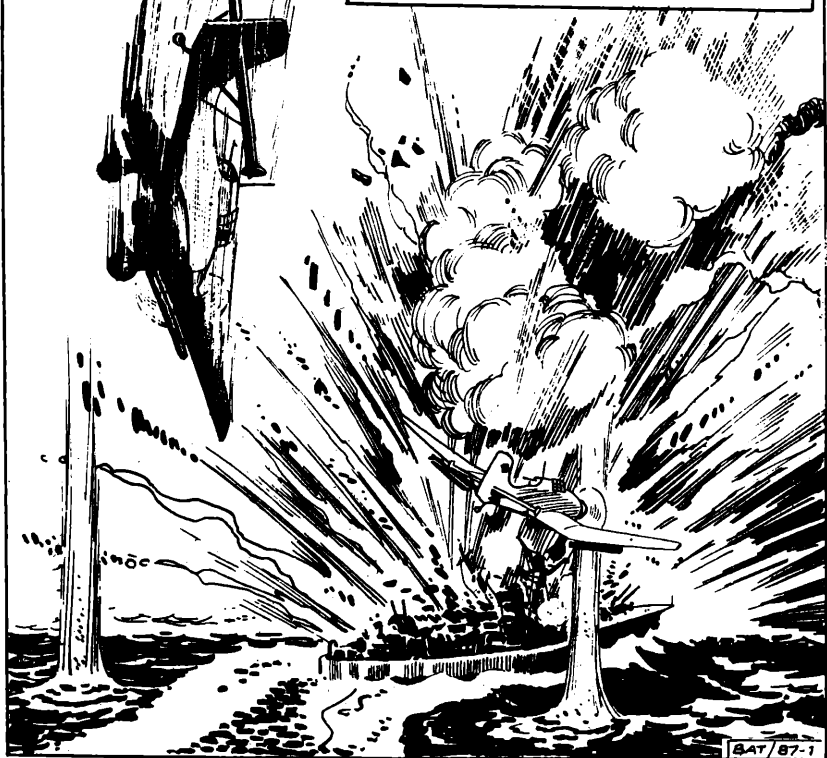


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# DEATH COAST

A WAR BULLETIN FROM BERLIN ON THE 20TH MAY, 1941 TOLD OF A BRILLIANT ACTION IN THE BAY OF SUDAN WHEN GERMAN STUKAS HAD SUNK AN ENGLISH CRUISER ...




ONE OF THE FEW SURVIVERS FROM THE  
ATTACK WAS LIEUTENANT HAL CORD ...

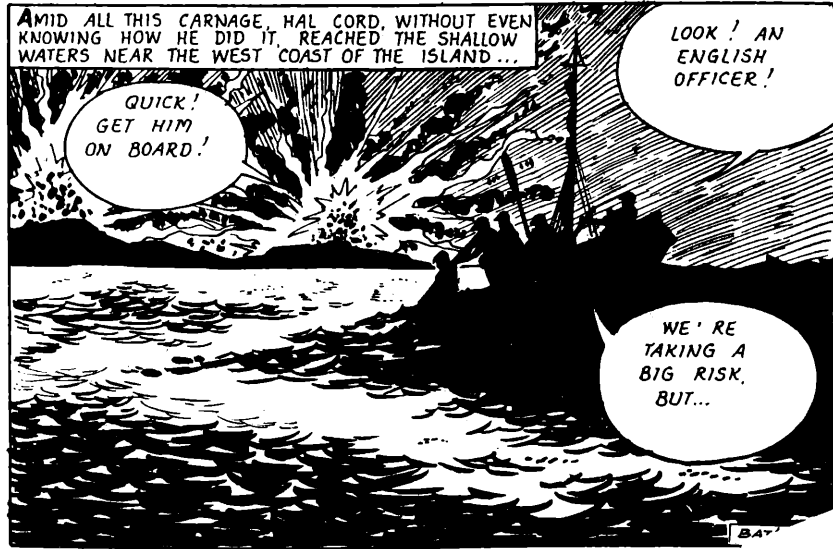


AND THE GERMANS KEPT UP THEIR ATTACKS  
ON THE ISLAND, TURNING IT INTO A  
LIVING HELL ...





... WHILE GENERAL KINGEL'S AIR-  
BORN DIVISIONS LANDED AROUND  
MALEME AIRPORT AND PRESSED ON  
TOWARDS RETHYNO AIRPORT, MAKING  
THE ENGLISH POSITION VERY DELI-  
CATE INDEED...



AMID ALL THIS CARNAGE, HAL CORD, WITHOUT EVEN  
KNOWING HOW HE DID IT, REACHED THE SHALLOW  
WATERS NEAR THE WEST COAST OF THE ISLAND...

QUICK!  
GET HIM  
ON BOARD!

LOOK! AN  
ENGLISH  
OFFICER!

WE'RE  
TAKING A  
BIG RISK,  
BUT...



LISTEN, PAL. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT STAYING ALIVE AND I'M SURE YOUR SUPERIORS WOULD RATHER HAVE YOU ALIVE, DRESSED AS A GERMAN BUT WITH IMPORTANT INFORMATION, THAN DEAD, FOR NO REASON.



HERE'S THE GEN ON THE ENEMY POSITIONS ON THE ISLAND. WE'RE BEING WATCHED TOO CLOSELY TO TAKE IT OURSELVES! MAKE SURE IT REACHES YOUR H.Q.!

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU... RIGHT! TRUST ME!



HAL SET OUT FOR BASE. THAT EVENING, THE CRETES TOOK HIM PART OF THE WAY...

I WILL! SO LONG, PALS!

THAT'S YOUR ROAD, IT'S EASY TO FOLLOW BUT LOOK ALIVE, THERE ARE KROUTS FOR MILES AROUND HERE!



**A DANGEROUS MARCH BEGAN FOR  
HAL CORD ...**




**IF THE GERMANS FOUND HIM IN  
THAT UNIFORM, HE'D BE SHOT  
LIKE A DOG ...**


**AND IF THE ENGLISH SAW HIM BEFORE  
HE COULD EXPLAIN, HE COULD STILL BE  
DEAD MEAT...**



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BUT A FEW MILES AWAY, A GREEK  
CALLED PHINEAS AZLA FOUND HIMSELF  
IN A WORSE MESS...



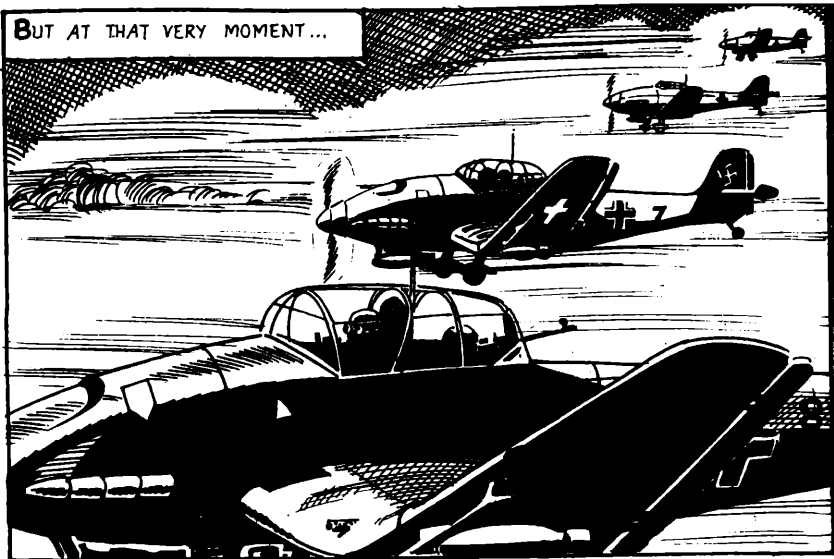
... BECAUSE HE WAS EXPECTING TO  
BE SHOT FOR SPYING AT ANY MOMENT  
BY THE BRITISH...



CARRY OUT THE SENTENCE,  
CAPTAIN!

RIGHT,  
SIR!

BUT AT THAT VERY MOMENT ...

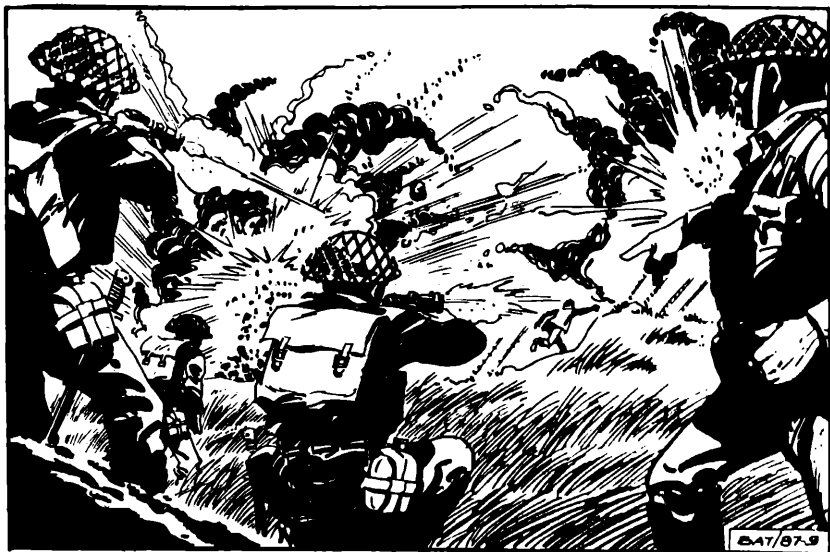


HIT THE DIRT !  
TAKE COVER !



PHINEAS AZLA'S LAST HOUR HADN'T  
COME YET...

LOOK OUT!  
THE PRISONER'S  
MAKING A  
BREAK FOR  
IT!



TWO NIGHTS LATER, HAL CAME UP AGAINST A SERIOUS OBSTACLE ...

IT'S THE LAST  
ROAD BLOCK. IF I CAN  
GET PAST THAT, I'M IN  
THE CLEAR!



WHO GOES  
THERE?

DAMN  
IT!





BUT THE FIRST BLOW WASN'T  
ENOUGH AND ...

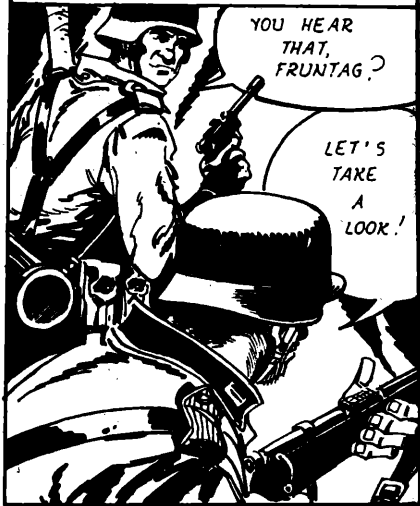
HELP!  
AGH!



AND IN THE NEARBY SENTRY POST...

YOU HEAR  
THAT,  
FRUNTAG?

LET'S  
TAKE  
A  
LOOK!



HEY!  
YOU!

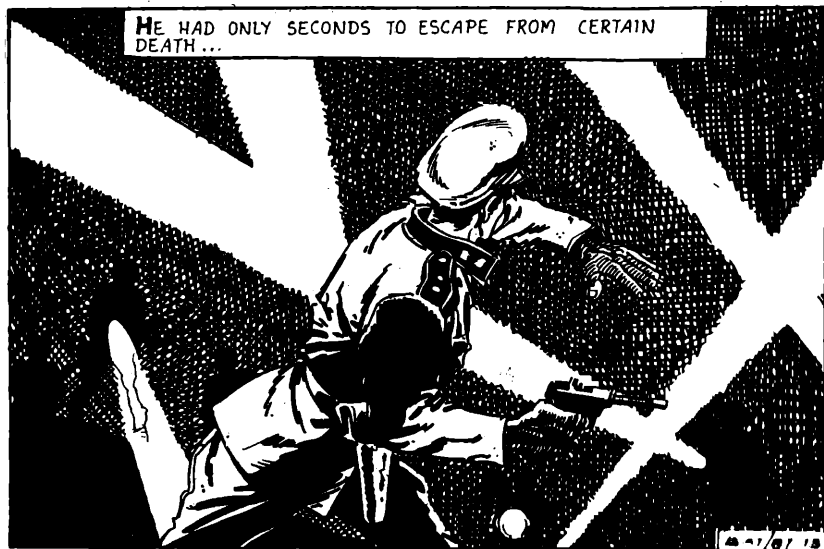
A GERMAN OFFICER!  
HE MUST BE A DESERTER.  
HE ATTACKED  
STANDHOFF!



HAL TOOK TO HIS HEELS AS THE LEAD  
FLEW ...



HE HAD ONLY SECONDS TO ESCAPE FROM CERTAIN  
DEATH...



HE'S SURROUNDED,  
HE CAN'T GET AWAY!

MAYBE HE'S A  
SPY, WE SHOULD  
WARN H.Q.!



HAL FOUND A PLACE  
WHERE HE THOUGHT  
HE'D BE SAFE BUT...  
FOR HOW LONG?



SECONDS LATER, HAL HEARD SOMEBODY ELSE  
COMING INTO THE CAVE...



AND ...

AAGH !  
LET ME ...

HARRY REALISED THAT HE WAS  
HOLDING A CIVILIAN...

I HAVEN'T ESCAPED FROM THE  
ENGLISH TO BE KILLED BY A  
GERMAN !

WHO  
ARE  
YOU ?



HAI REALISED THE  
DANGER AND ...

BUT THEY 'RE  
YOUR MEN ... EH?

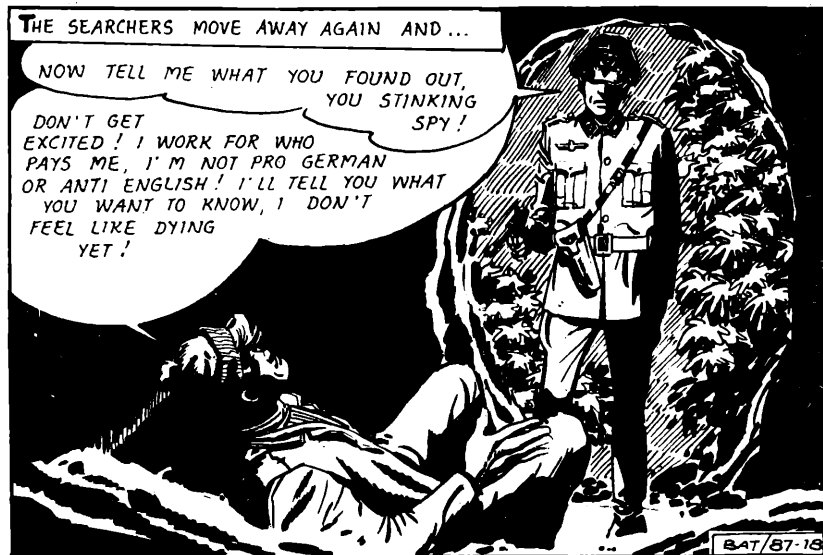
KEEP IT QUIET, PAL! I  
HAVE NO WISH TO BE  
FOUND!



I SEE! YOU  
AREN'T GERMAN!

I TOLD  
YOU TO KEEP  
QUIET!





HAL REALISES THAT THE MAN IS ONE OF THOSE WHO'D SELL HIS GRANDMOTHER FOR A PACKET OF CIGARETTES ...

BUT FIRST, TELL ME WHAT YOU'LL DO WHEN I'VE TOLD YOU!

YOU'LL FIND OUT AFTER YOU'VE TALKED!

BUT THE GREEK WAS NOBODY'S FOOL ...

YOU'VE GOT TO GET AWAY FROM HERE AND IT WON'T BE EASY! LET'S STRIKE A BARGAIN! I'LL HELP YOU AND IN RETURN, YOU LET ME SLIP AWAY INTO THE NIGHT.

I DON'T MAKE DEALS WITH RATS LIKE YOU!

O.K., PAL, BUT IF YOU SHOOT ME, THE KROUTS WILL COME RUNNING AND WE'LL GO TO HELL TOGETHER!

WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!

BUT HAL KNEW THAT IF HE WAS TO HAVE ANY CHANCE AT ALL, HE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A DEAL WITH AZLA...

FOLLOW ME, THEN  
AND LOOK ALIVE OTHERWISE  
YOU'LL END UP DEAD AT THE  
BOTTOM OF SOME RAVINE!  
WE'LL SOON BE AWAY, I  
KNOW THIS PLACE LIKE  
THE BACK OF MY HAND!

REMEMBER,  
I'M COVERING  
YOU!



SOON AFTER...

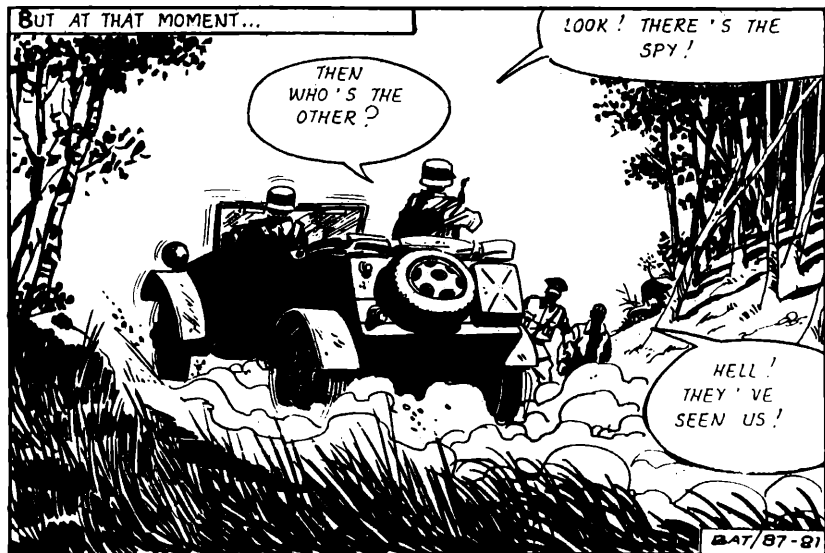


DONE IT!  
EASY, EH? THE  
GERMANS HAVEN'T  
BEEN HERE LONG  
ENOUGH TO FIND  
THESE PATHS!  
NOW WE'RE  
FREE!

YOU'RE  
NOT!



BAT/87-20



HAL HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT...

DON'T SHOOT! I'M NOT ARMED!



HAL'S SWIFT ACTION SAVES HIM AND BOTH SOLDIERS FALL TO THE GROUND...

THIS WILL HELP US TO GET OUT OF THE DANGER ZONE! AS FOR YOU, I DON'T THINK EVEN THE GERMANS WILL TAKE KINDLY TO YOU NOW!

NEITHER DO I NOW THAT YOU'VE SHOT TWO OF THEIR MEN AND TAKEN A CAR!

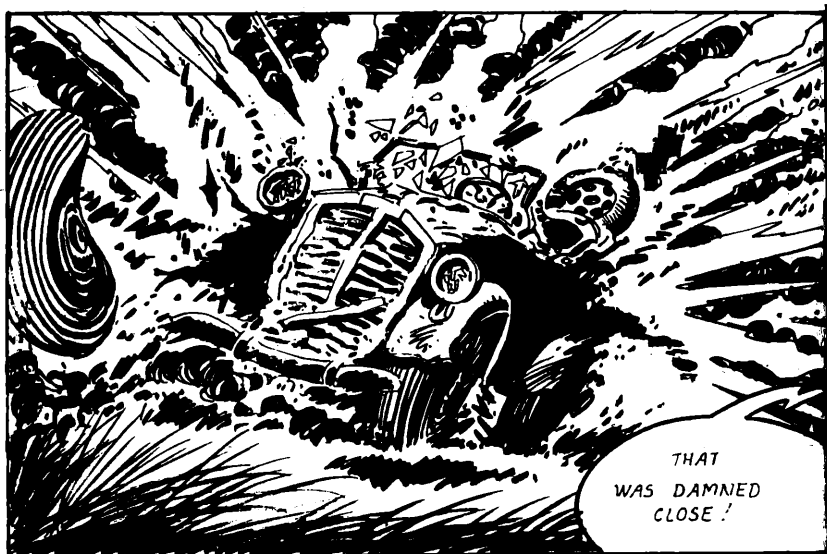


BUT AS THEY DRIVE ALONG,  
THEY SEE THE FLASHES OF  
GUNFIRE AHEAD AND HEAR  
THE WHINE OF SHELLS FLYING  
OVER THEM...

STILL,  
I DON'T THINK  
WE'LL GET  
FAR!

HIT THE DECK!

NEVER  
A DULL  
MOMENT!



THAT  
WAS DAMNED  
CLOSE !

SINCE THEY WERE  
PINNED DOWN, HAL TOOK  
THE CHANCE TO GET SOME  
IDEA OF WHAT THE GREEK  
KNEW ...

NOW,  
AT LEAST, THEY  
WON'T FIND  
OUT !

THE GERMANS ARE  
PLANNING TO ATTACK  
RETHYNO AIRPORT, USING  
A POINT TWO MILES UP  
THE COAST TO THE SOUTH  
AS A JUMPING OFF  
STAGE ! THEY WANTED TO  
KNOW WHAT MEN AND  
EQUIPMENT WAS IN  
DEFENCE OF THE  
AIRPORT...

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT  
MAKE? THEY'LL STILL ATTACK  
AND YOUR SIDE WILL  
SOON BE OVERCOME!

NOT IF WE CAN  
WARN THEM  
FIRST!



THAT'S IF WE EVER GET  
THERE ALIVE!

WELL,  
WE'RE  
CERTAINLY  
GOING TO  
TRY! COME  
ON!



AND THE NEXT MORNING, THEY FINALLY REACH THE ENGLISH LINES..

CORD, SIR ! I'VE GOT IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS FOR YOU !



HAL GIVES A BRIEF OUTLINE OF HIS ADVENTURES...

IT DOESN'T HELP US, I'M AFRAID, WE HAVEN'T A HOPE OF STOPPING THE ADVANCE !



THEN HAL TELLS HIM WHAT HE LEARNED FROM AZLA...

I'LL HAVE TO TELL H.Q. STRAIGHT AWAY ! YOU WAIT HERE, CORD !

RIGHT, SIR !



PHINEAS QUICKLY GETS HIS WORD IN...

LISTEN ... YOU WON'T GAIN  
ANYTHING BY GIVING ME  
AWAY ! DON'T DO IT, PLEASE !  
I'D LIKE TO DIE IN BATTLE  
IF I HAVE TO GO ! GIVE ME A  
RIFLE, YOU'LL SEE I'M  
WORTH IT !



IT WAS HIS LAST CHANCE TO SAVE  
HIS LIFE...

GIVE ME THIS  
CHANCE ! I HAVEN'T HURT ANYBODY !  
THE INFORMATION I GAVE THE  
GERMANS WASN'T IMPORTANT !  
I DIDN'T  
ASK THEM TO  
COME HERE !



JUST THEN THE COLONEL CAME BACK...

I'VE ORDERED ALL RESERVES UP  
TO THE AREA, BUT WE  
HAVEN'T MANY MEN  
AVAILABLE ...



IF YOU'LL  
PERMIT, SIR,  
I'LL GO  
ALONG WITH  
THEM !

DAVID

AND PHINEAS JUMPS ABOARD  
THE BANDWAGGON...

AND ME,  
SIR! AND  
ME!

YES, SEEING  
HOW WE'RE  
SHORT OF MEN,  
YOU COME  
AS WELL!

BUT DON'T GET  
CARRIED AWAY! ON  
HOW YOU BEHAVE,  
DEPENDS WHETHER  
I REPORT YOU  
OR NOT!

YOU  
CAN RELY  
ON ME,  
I  
PROMISE!



THE FIRST CONVOY MOVES OFF UNDER A HEAVY GERMAN AIR ATTACK...





AND A NEW WAVE OF GERMAN AIRBORNE TROOPS IS DROPPED NEAR THE AIRPORT...



THE GERMAN TROOPS ADVANCED TOWARDS THE COAST AS THE FIRST RE-INFORCEMENTS REACHED THE DEFENCES...

IF THEY REACH THE COAST, THE AIRPORT WILL BE A SITTING DUCK!

I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU THAT!



BUT FOR THEM TO GET THERE IS VERY DANGEROUS, THEY'LL BE BETWEEN TWO LINES OF FIRE UNLESS THEY CAN REACH THE HEIGHTS, IN WHICH CASE IT'LL BE OUR BOYS WHO ARE IN TROUBLE!



THE FORCE OF THE  
GERMAN ATTACK BLASTED  
GREAT GAPS IN THE  
ENGLISH LINES...

IF WE DON'T GET HELP  
SOON, WE'LL BE  
OVERRUN, SIR!

WE'LL HAVE  
TO DO THE BEST  
WE CAN, THERE'S  
NOTHING ELSE  
FOR IT!



HELLO, H.Q.! WE'RE LOSING OUR  
SIR! WE'RE WAY OUTNUMBERED  
AND THEIR DAMNED PLANES ARE  
STRAFFING US THE WHOLE  
TIME!

YOU  
MUST HOLD ON.  
RE-INFORCE-  
MENTS ARE  
ON THE WAY  
NOW!

THE POSITION WAS GRAVE

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POST 'B' DOESN'T ANSWER.  
SIR. AND THE KROUTS  
HAVE CUT OFF OUR CHANCE  
OF REACHING THEM!

RIGHT, SARN'T! I'LL LET  
H.Q. KNOW STRAIGHT  
AWAY!

BUT AT THAT MOMENT...

HELLO!  
HELLO!  
AAGH!

TAKE COMMAND, YOU ! GET THROUGH  
TO H.Q. AND TELL THEM TO RUSH UP  
RESERVES TO POINT "B" OTHERWISE  
THERE 'LL BE NOTHING LEFT OF  
US !

RIGHT, SIR !



BUT THE LINE WAS CONTINUOUSLY  
OCCUPIED AND THE GERMANS KEPT  
PRESSING FORWARD...

IT'S NO GOOD, I CAN'T  
GET THROUGH !

WHAT'S  
HAPPENING,  
CORD !



WE  
HAVE TO  
WARN H.Q.  
AT ALL  
COSTS !

BAT/87-55





NO. I JUST WANT  
TO COME, THAT'S  
ALL !

O.K., LET'S GO !

WAL THOUGHT THAT PHINEAS MIGHT BE USEFUL, AND  
BESIDES, IT SEEMED HE REALLY HAD CHANGED ...

WE HAVE TO  
CUT ACROSS THE  
ENEMY LINES TO  
REACH THE GUARD  
POST ! IT ISN'T GOING  
TO BE A SUNDAY  
WALK !

I GUESS  
NOT !



BAT/87-35



SOME SIXTH SENSE WARNS HAL AND...

LOOK OUT !







AND IF I'D SOLD IT TO THE ENGLISH, I TOLD YOU I HAD NO PREFERENCE. I DIDN'T CARE WHICH OF YOU WON. YOU ARE BOTH INTRUDERS HERE! MAYBE I'M A COWARD, BUT WHAT I GAVE AWAY TO THE GERMANS COULD NEVER HAVE HURT ANYONE!

FORGET IT FOR NOW, PHINEAS! LET'S CONCENTRATE ON THE JOB ON HAND!



THE ADVANCE ACROSS THE ENEMY HELD GROUND WAS AS DANGEROUS AS HELL...

ONCE ACROSS THE RIVER WE'LL BE SAFE!

YES, BUT IT'S THE MOST DANGEROUS PART OF THE TRIP, AND THERE'S NO WAY ROUND IT!



HE RAN SWIFTLY TOWARDS THE  
WOUNDED MAN ...

IT'S ALRIGHT, I'VE GOT  
NINE LIVES, LIKE A CAT!

HANG ON,  
PHINEAS! I'M  
COMING!



THE MISSION GREW MORE  
DANGEROUS EVERY SECOND ...

AAGH!

HAL!

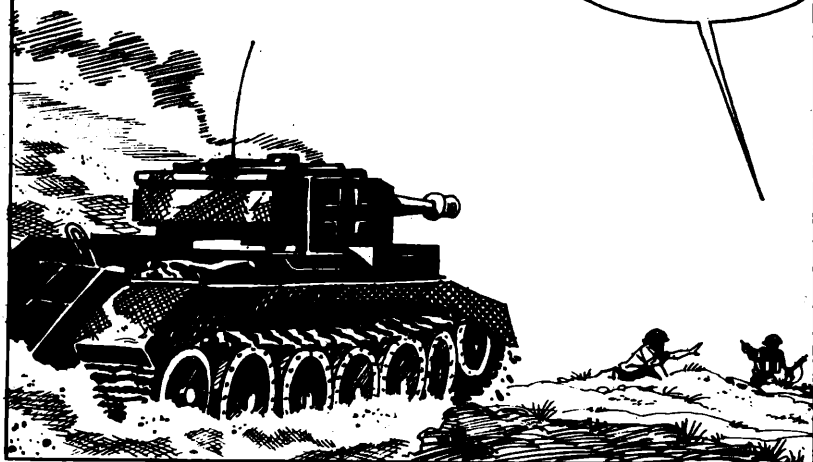






BUT ONCE ACROSS ...

LOOK OUT,  
PHINEAS!

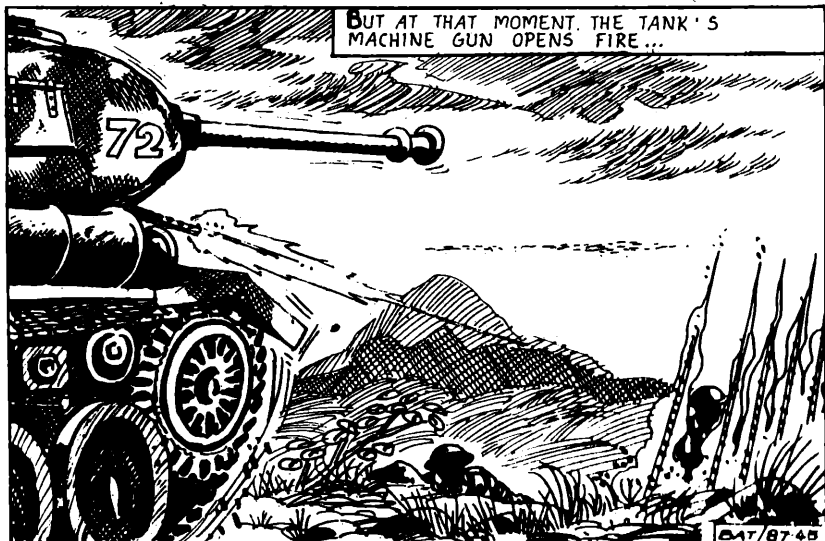


MY LEG, HAL!  
I CAN'T MOVE!

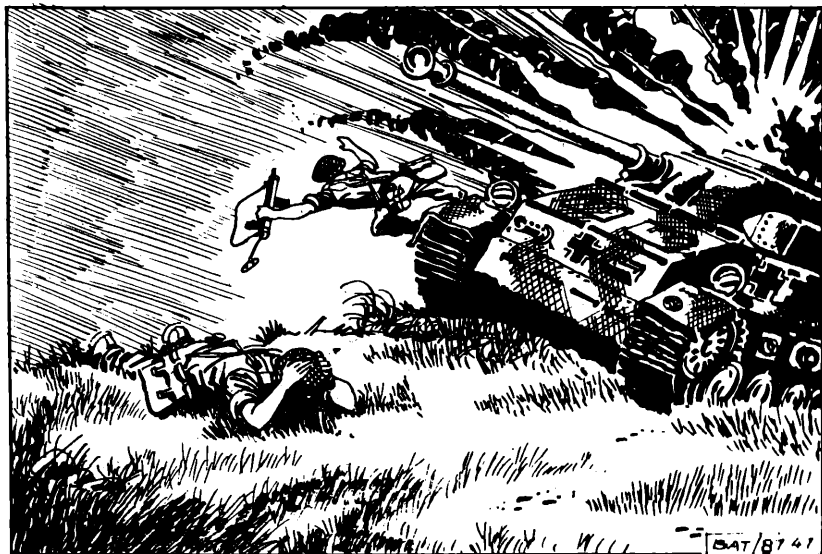




BUT AT THAT MOMENT, THE TANK'S  
MACHINE GUN OPENS FIRE ...









THANKS, PAL!  
YOU REALLY SAVED  
THE BACON, THAT  
TIME!

LET'S GO! WE'VE  
ALREADY WASTED A  
LOT OF TIME. I'LL PUT  
YOU SOMEWHERE UNDER  
COVER AND THEN SEND  
SOMEBODY OUT TO  
PICK YOU UP!



I'LL NEVER FORGET  
WHAT YOU DID FOR ME,  
HAL. I SWEAR IT!

LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT  
IT NOW... ANYWAY, YOU'D  
HAVE DONE THE SAME  
THING FOR ME!

**SUDDENLY...**

LOOK, HANS!  
TOMMIES!

LOOK OUT, HAL!



**AN ANGRY CHATTER OF  
HAL'S STEN, AND THE TWO  
GERMANS CRUMPLE INTO THE  
DUST...**



THE TREK GREW EVER SLOWER AND  
EVER MORE DIFFICULT ...

LEAVE ME HERE, HAL! AS  
MUCH AS I VALUE MY HIDE, I  
DON'T LIKE BEING A DEAD  
WEIGHT ON ANYBODY!

NO! I'VE  
GOT YOU THIS FAR NOW,  
I MAY AS WELL TRY AND  
GET YOU ALL THE WAY! BE-  
SIDES, YOU'RE WEARING  
AN ENGLISH UNIFORM  
AND SO I HAVE TO  
DO ALL I CAN  
FOR YOU!



BUT UP ON A HILL TO THEIR  
RIGHT...

ENGLISH!

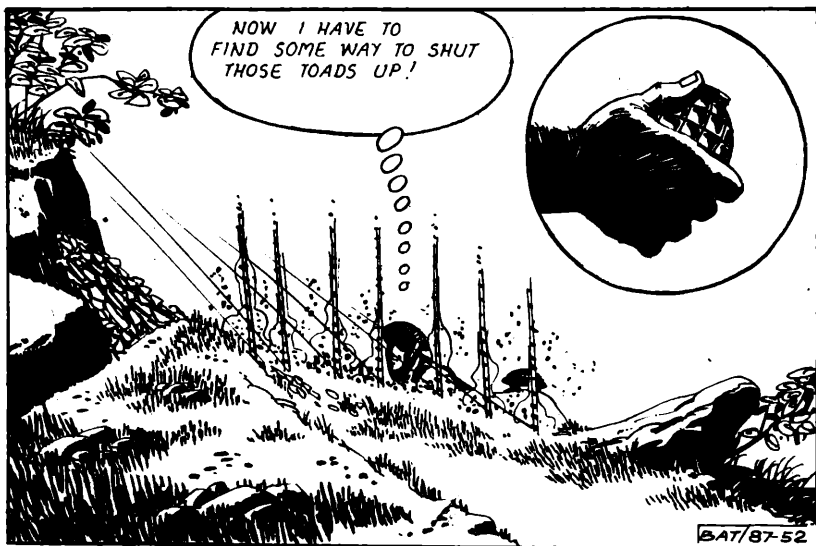
THIS 'LL  
BE FUN!

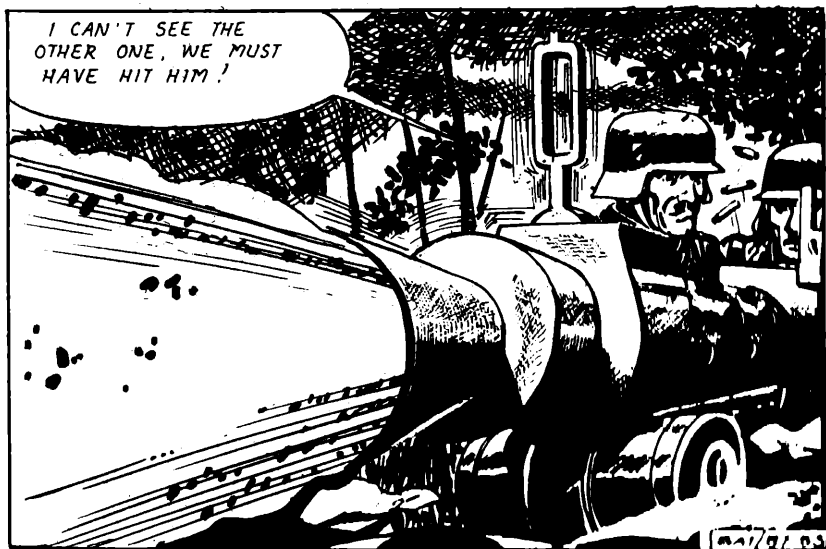
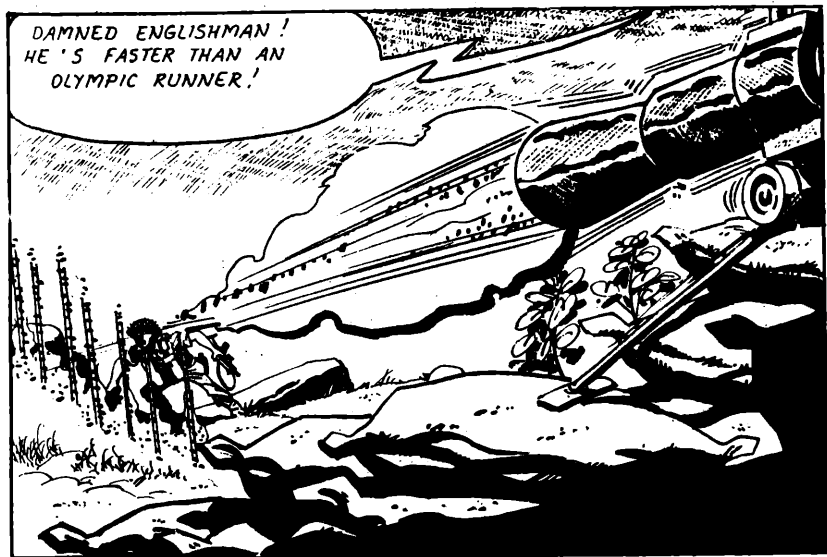




A MACHINE - GUN NEST !  
HIT THE DIRT, PHINEAS !







YES, WHERE WAS PHINEAS?

WHERE'S THAT GREEK GOT TO? DON'T SAY HE'S MADE A BREAK FOR IT AND LEFT ME?

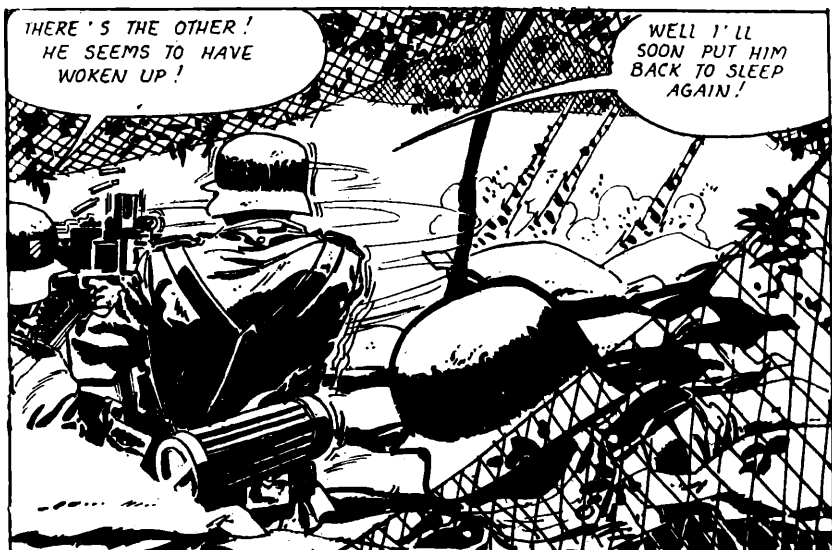
PHINEAS?! WHERE ARE YOU? OPEN UP WITH THAT TOY GUN OF YOURS OR THESE BLIGHTERS WILL SEND US BOTH TO KINGDOME COME!



PHINEAS ANSWERS HIM ABOVE THE WHINE OF BULLETS...

HERE I AM! MY RIFLE BOLT GOT JAMMED BUT LISTEN TO THE SWEET MUSIC NOW!







AND THAT OBSTACLE HAD BEEN  
BRILLIANTLY OVERCOME AS WELL ...

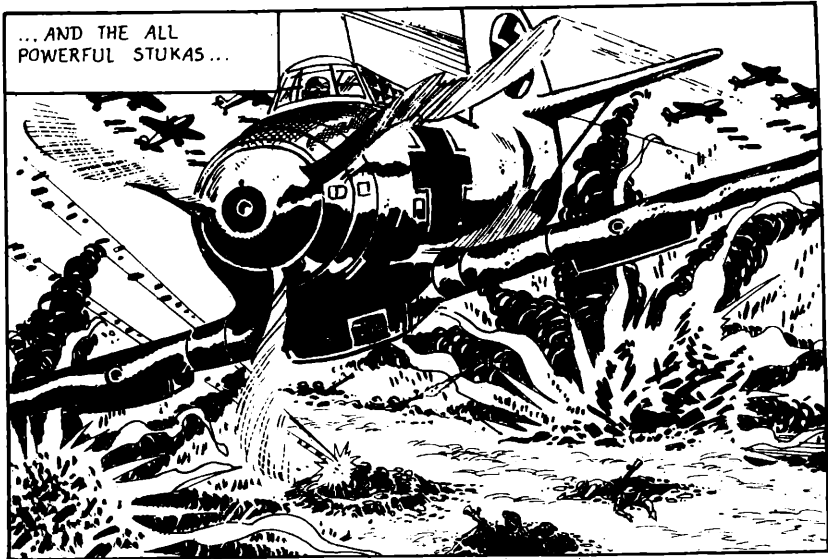


MEANWHILE, THE ENGLISH DEFENCE  
POSTS, DESPITE THEIR DESPERATE  
AND HEROIC RESISTANCE, WERE  
CRACKING UP IN THE FACE OF THE  
REELING BLOWS HURLED AT THEM  
BY THE GERMAN INFANTRY ...



BAT/87-57

... AND THE ALL  
POWERFUL STUKAS ...



THEY OUTNUMBER US BY AT LEAST  
TEN TO ONE, WE CAN'T HOLD  
OUT MUCH LONGER!



IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE  
TWO MEN WE SENT OUT TO  
MAKE CONTACT WITH H.Q.  
DIDN'T GET THROUGH?  
IF THAT'S SO...

IF THAT'S SO, SIR,  
WE'VE BLOODY  
WELL HAD OUR  
LOT!



BAR/H/NU

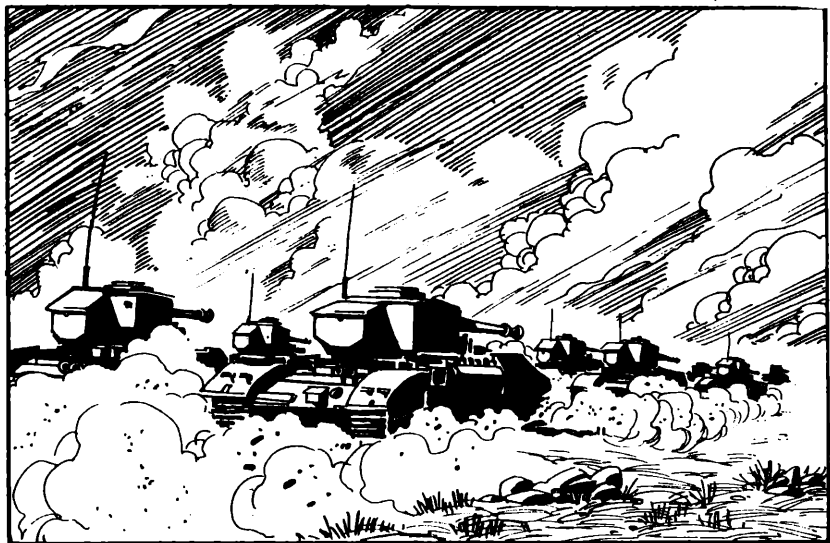
**BUT AT THAT EXACT MOMENT, HAL CORD'S MISSION WAS CROWNED WITH SUCCESS ...**

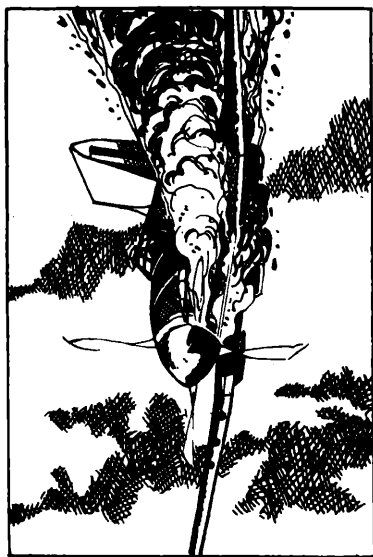
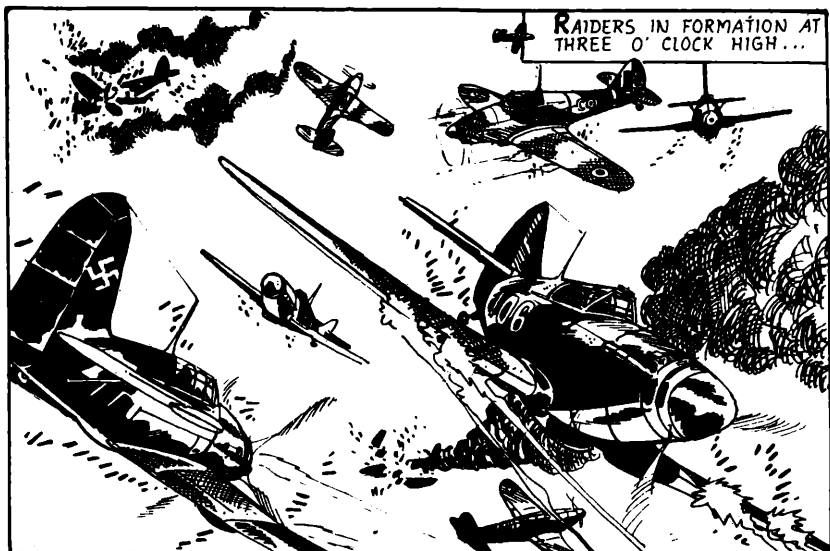
LIEUTENANT CORD ON A  
STAFF MISSION, SIR !



**THE ORDER FOR A COUNTER-ATTACK WAS GIVEN IMMEDIATELY ...**







AND THE MASSACRING FIRE OF THE  
ENGLISH HEAVY ARTILLERY HELPED  
DECIDE THE OUTCOME OF THE BATTLE...



KNOCKING THE GERMAN INFANTRY FOR  
SIX AND STOPPING ANY IDEA OF  
FURTHER ADVANCE ...



AND SO PHINEAS, STILL IN THE THICK OF IT, LEARNED THAT NO MAN CAN STAND ASIDE WHEN THE FATE OF DEMOCRACY IS IN THE BALANCE, AND SAY THAT IT IS NOTHING TO DO WITH HIM.



ALL MEN, OF ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD, MUST ALWAYS BE READY TO FIGHT FOR A BETTER WORLD!

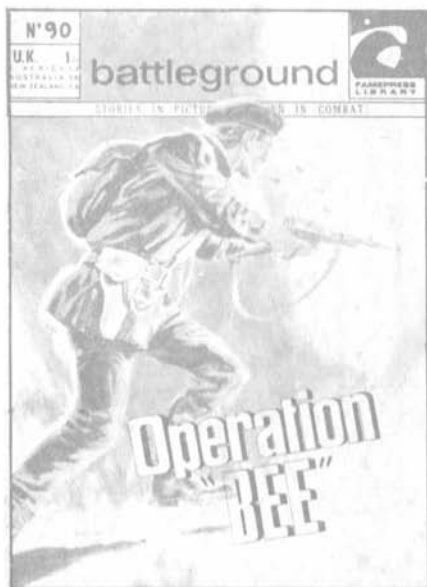




**NEXT MONTH  
YOU WILL THRILL  
TO THESE GREAT  
NEW STORIES**

***THE BLOOD, SWEAT  
AND TEARS NOW  
TOLD AS NEVER  
BEFORE.***

***EXCITING  
PICTURE  
STORIES  
THAT  
SHOW  
HOW  
IT  
REALLY  
WAS***





THESE COMPANION  
ISSUES ARE ALSO  
ON SALE. HURRY  
OUT TO BUY MORE  
OF THIS FAST AC-  
TION EXCITEMENT!



THE BLOOD, SWEAT  
AND TEARS NOW TOLD  
AS NEVER BEFORE.  
EXCITING PICTURE  
STORIES THAT SHOW  
HOW IT REALLY WAS.